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SUBJECT: MANDRELL INDUSTRIES TAX PROBLEMS

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1. GEORGE GLASCOE, LAST EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEE OF MANDRELL INDUSTRIES BEING HELD IN ETHIOPIA PENDING RESOLUTION OF COMPANY'S TAX PROBLEMS, VISITED EMBASSY JAN 13. IN CONVERSATION WITH COMMERICAL ATTACHE, GLASCOE HINTED THAT HE WAS LOOKING ABOUT FOR MEANS TO FLEE ETHIOPIA. GLASCOE DID NOT STATE HIS INTENTIONS BUT STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT MANDRELL HAD GIVEN UP ANY POSSIBILITY OF RECEIVING FAIR TREATMENT IN TAX CASE AND THAT IF GLASCOE COULD GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY, THE FIRM WOULD WALK AWAY FROM TAX APPEALS DISPUTE.

2. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE WARNED GLASCOE THAT IF HE FLED, HE WOULD FACE CONSIDERABLE DANGER OF BEING CAUGHT WHICH WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE MANDRELL'S AND HIS PERSONAL PROBLEMS. EMBASSY STILL BELIEVES THAT MANDRELL SHOULD FOLLOW LEGAL APPEAL PROCESS AND ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT WITH EPMG. EFFECT OF POSSIBLE FLIGHT, SUCCESSFUL OR OTHERWISE, BY GLASCOE UPON OTHER AMERICAN FIRMS OPERATING IN ETHIOPIA AND ON THE US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS COULD BE SERIOUS.

3. GIVEN MANDRELL' APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST IN DOING ANY FUTURE BUSINESS IN ETHIOPIA, THE FIRM'S SHORT TERM VIEW MAY BE THAT THEY HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BY SMUGGLING GLASCOE OUT  
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OF THE COUNTRY. THOMAS CAREY OF GEYSOURCES (MANDRELL'S

PARENT COMPANY) HAD HINTED DURING DEC 2 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR THAT FIRM MIGHT ATTEMPT TO GET GLASCOE OUT OF ETHIOPIA. IN VIEW OF THE BROADER US INTEREST, HOWEVER, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS DEPT CONTACT MANDRELL TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER ANY POSSIBLE FLIGHT BY GLASCOE AND SUGGEST THE FIRM CONSIDER SENDING A FRESH REPLACEMENT WHO MIGHT BE BETTER ABLE THAN GLASCOE TO COPE WITH ADMITTEDLY FRUSTRATING SITUATION HERE AND FOLLOW CONTINUING SLOW TAX APPEALS.  
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